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Hillary pays visit

to Philippi

Learns the secret of successful building in SA ...

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When American first lady Hillary Clinton returns home she will pass on to her husband Bill one of the secrets of building houses in South Africa: "You build better if you sing and dance while you're working."

Mrs Clinton was given this advice by hundreds of Philippi residents at the Victoria Mxenge Housing project yesterday soon after she and her daughter Chelsea arrived in Cape Town. Mrs Clinton is on a six-nation goodwill tour of Africa.

The project is part of a nationwide bid by the South African Homeless People's Federation to build houses for themselves.

The project started with 12 women in 1992. Today, it has 286 members - 280 of whom are women who build houses themselves. Eighteen houses have been built in Philippi and more than 800 countrywide.

Dependent on donations, the project has received aid from the US Agency for International Development and the provincial and national ministries of housing.

Mrs Clinton was met at Philippi by National Housing Minister Sankie Mthembi Mahanyele and hundreds of singing, chanting women in traditional African dress.

The US first lady said she had heard about the women's housing project and had decided to come and see for herself the work that was being done.

Mrs Clinton said she would return to Philippi in a couple of years, possibly with her husband, to see what progress had been made.

Mrs Clinton is in Africa to reaffirm US

support for the continent and the progress of democracy.

Last night, Mrs Clinton planted a tree with Truth Commission chairman Desmond Tutu in the Garden of Remembrance at Cowley House in Woodstock which commemorates those who died in South Africa's struggle for freedom and

democracy. She told a gathering at the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture that their ceremony proved rage and anger could be turned to hope and possibility.

Those who had lost loved ones in the liberation struggle could have resorted to hatred and violence but instead South

Africa had chosen forgiveness.

Archbishop Tutu called on South Africa's "dear friends in America" to help South Africans enable God to make the country a wonderful example of reconciliation and healing.

Mrs Clinton will visit Robben Island with President Mandela today.

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